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Illinois senator proposes bill to balance board

Bill would give SIUC and SIUE three board of trustee members each, and one from Springfield; Gov. Pat Quinn recently removed three Metro East board members

JOSH BOVINETTE
Alestle Reporter

Illinois Senator Bill Haine, D-Alton, has introduced legislation to alter the makeup of the SIU board of trustees and, in doing so, has made it clear that he is upset by Gov. Pat Quinn's attempt to control who sits on the board.

Haine introduced Senate Bill 2406 on Feb. 28. The bill would require a balance on the board of graduates from both SIUE and SIUC.

Haine is currently in session and could not be reached for comment.

Recently, Gov. Quinn removed three Metro East board members: John Simmons, Ed Hightower and Mark Hinrichs.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the bill, should it pass, would be an anecdote for the current system for selecting the board of trustees.

"The governor has removed all of the Metro East representatives from the board," Poshard said. "The bill would establish three representatives that have some history with SIUE, either graduated, attended or been involved in one way or another and three members from Carbondale."

According to Poshard, Illinois Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, has added an amendment to the bill that would establish a seventh voting member of the board from the Springfield area.

"[The bill] would assure the distribution, equalization of representation," Poshard said. "It would prevent the governor from making the kind of moves that he re-

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cently made in removing three [Metro East] trustees."

Student Body President Erik Zimmerman said the removal of three key Metro East members of the board and the attempt to appoint new board members from outside the Metro East made Haine's bill necessary.

"We were losing three Metro East representatives without getting any back," Zimmerman said. "Essentially, we would have a board of all Carbondale representatives, which is a problem when you're dealing with a system made up of more than one university"

According to Zimmerman, the removal of Hightower, Simmons and Hinrichs was ridiculous.

"[They] have done a lot of great work for the university and the university system," Zimmerman said. "I

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Glenn Poshard
SIU President

think it was just a political move. I think they should have been re-appointed."

Zimmerman said he's had some opportunity to work with the men and was impressed by their commitment to the university.

According to Zimmerman, Senate Bill 2406 will probably not even make it to a vote.

"I think that the university system will sit down with the senators and representatives and discuss the issues," Zimmerman said. "We're a system, and that really aids

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Community rises up to save Once Upon A Toy

JOHN LAYTON
Alestle Managing Editor

Edwardsville residents have watched their very own toy story unfold.

After Once Upon A Toy's bank had called in its loan, the owners of the locally-owned store that has been in business since 1987 sent an email March 8 explaining that both of the store's locations would be closing.

There is one store in Edwardsville and one in Clayton, Mo. Owner Shawnta Ray said she and her husband, Rick Harmon, struggled for a few weeks while trying to figure out what to do.

"We decided that there really wasn't anything we could do; so, we announced that we were going to have to close," Ray said. "The Friday and Saturday after that, we were just crazy busy with customers and hundreds of families coming in really sad and upset."

Ray's friend, Emily Terry-Gates, of Edwardsville, said Ray is a strong person who is kind to everyone, but she needed assistance.

"I knew she would never ask for help," Terry-Gates said. "Sunday night, [March 10], I talked to Shawnta, and we decided to move forward with the campaign."

Terry-Gates set up a fundraiser through Crowdfunder, a website that allows users to pool money for any reason, and spread the word via Facebook.

"I knew that it needed to be a grassroots effort, but that it was going to have to be a viral campaign," Terry-Gates said. "We went miles and miles, states and states actually, away from Edwardsville. We couldn't have a snail mail campaign."

The campaign was launched March 11, with the goal of raising \$76,875 by Friday.

Ray said she could not believe the response from the community.

"[The Facebook page] had over 1,000 people in around a day. People wanted to know how to give us money," Ray said. "We're super humbled and overwhelmed with kindness that anyone would be willing to do anything like that."

Through donations from friends, family and customers to vendors and other local businesses in Edwardsville, the goal was met Thursday evening.

Ray said she, her husband and an employee of the store were at a game night at a library in Benld when the campaign met its goal.

"It was amongst people playing games that we found out," Ray said. "It was also our 10-year [wedding] anniversary. It was a crazy, crazy night."

According to the campaign's page on Crowdfunder, \$82,450 was donated from 911 contributors.

Despite the money that has been raised, Ray and the store face even more uncertainty.

"We've gone from sadness to happiness back to sadness," Ray said. "There's a lot that needs to happen with what we've been given."

The store may need to move from its current location on Troy Road in front of Target, according to Ray.

"There's a lot of unknown," Ray said. "Our building may be being sold."

According to Terry-Gates, a set portion of the donations are going to the bank, and a portion of whatever remains will be used to pay vendors.

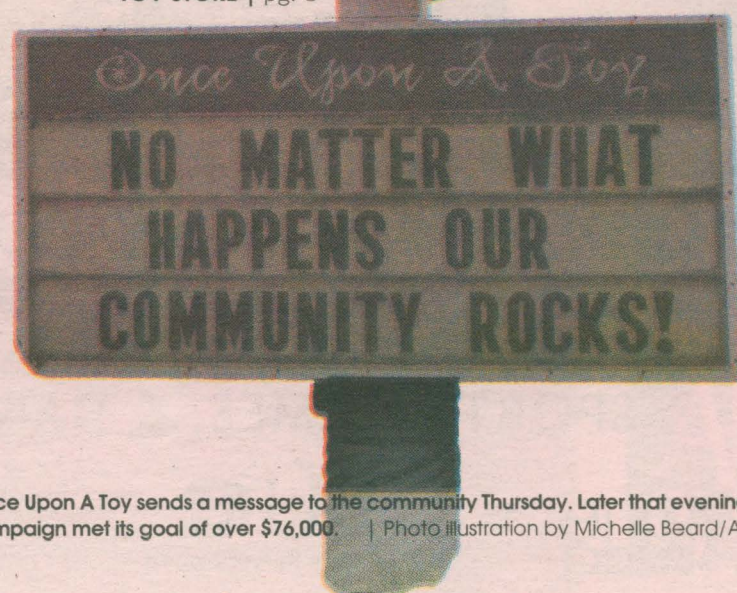
"Whatever's left, if much at all, will be used to restock because the product has just been leaving the store as fast as the people are

coming in," Terry-Gates said.

Corey Wenzel, the equity founder of the Enclave and Enclave West apartment complexes, donated \$10,000 to Ray in person, and said it was not about the money, but about keeping Ray and Harmon in Edwardsville.

"This was just an incredible effort to keep a great business in town," Wenzel said. "I think

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Once Upon A Toy sends a message to the community Thursday. Later that evening, the campaign met its goal of over \$76,000. | Photo illustration by Michelle Beard/Alestle

University working on more online courses; courses offered tripled since in past year

HEATHER FICEK
Alestle Reporter

With seven weeks left in the semester, students may be looking for summer classes to get a jump start or catch up on requirements without having to step foot on campus.

Julie Furst-Bowe's first speech as chancellor on Oct. 16, 2012 included an academic plan to add more online courses to SIUE's catalog.

Jennifer Vandever, associate vice chancellor for Information Technology, is helping to make the chancellor's plan a reality.

"There is a large group of faculty and staff working to develop a comprehensive online plan for SIUE," Vandever said. "At the same time, each school and college is developing an academic plan that also identifies potential online courses and programs."

According to Vandever, each college will have to work closely with Information Technology Services as well as Enrollment Management to create online courses. Each course is also scrutinized and evaluated before it is offered to students.

"As the chancellor noted in her presentation, the number of online courses has tripled in the past year," Vandever said. "Online courses are available in a wide range of disciplines. The growth in online courses will depend on student demand and faculty availability."

Associate Registrar Christine Leopold said SIUE has a number of online classes already available.

"If we just look a year back, in fall of 2012 we offered 56, in the summer we offered 76 and the spring we offered 48," Leopold said.

According to Academic Advising Di-

rector Cheryle Tucker, the online classes that the school currently offers fill up quickly.

"[Online classes] are pretty popular," Tucker said. "Certain students gravitate toward them, and they really provide a flexible option for a lot of students."

Junior mass communications major Mollie Prophet, of Geneva, has taken an online course in the past and will be taking another during the summer.

"It was kind of hard to get, but, then again, I was a freshman," Prophet said. "I am doing math online this summer, but that's just because I don't want to wake up at 8 in the morning to go to math."

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Christine Leopold
Associate registrar

Senior mass communications major Kellie Speichinger, of Millstadt, said it was easy to forget about an online course she took at a community college.

"It was hard to keep up because it wasn't required to go to class," Speichinger said. "It was hard to remember that I had homework in my online class [rather] than the classes that I actually went to on campus. But it was also kind of easier at the same time because you can do it on your own time and submit it online."

When it comes to adding more classes, Vandever hopes student demand will be taken into consideration.

"I think the best courses will be those

that help students complete their degrees and those that are difficult to enroll in because of demand, scheduling or other factors," Vandever said. "I also think it's important that we get input from the students as to which courses they would like to take in an online or blended format."

Prophet named some subjects that she would like to see offer more online classes.

"I'd really like to see English classes," Prophet said. "I'm a creative writing minor, and I write online a lot, so it would just be nice to see a lot of that, [and] maybe some psychology."

Speichinger hopes for more classes within her major.

"I'm a mass comm. major, and I haven't really heard of much online classes for that," Speichinger said. "That would be awesome if they offered more for that, more in the summer, so that [students] can get more classes out of the way."

Junior biological sciences major Colton Wittmeyer, of St. Louis, would consider online classes at SIUE if there were electives available.

Whereas Lifa Huang, a first-year finance graduate student from Fujian, China, would like to see more finance classes offered online.

"Courses in finance I think," Huang said. "It's kind of related to my major and I think that if there's some course[s] in finance, then it would be more flexible."

More online classes will offer students the chance to take classes from the comfort of their home.

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us financially when we go to purchase bonds to build buildings and [expand] the university."

According to Zimmerman, once the senate realizes that equal representation is important for the university system, the bill probably will not get voted on.

"We're a system, but outside of the board of trustees, we really operate very independently of each other," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman says he sees the bill as a message to Gov. Quinn that he cannot make political moves without regard for the well-being of the university system.

Poshard said, in addition to the equal representation that the bill would require, the governor should also be required to discuss decisions made about the construct of the board with the communities represented by the board.

"[The governor] should have a dialogue with the communities and find out what they're looking for in a board member," Poshard said. "I believe that is tantamount to the universities being effective in their governance."

According to Poshard, it is important for potential board members to have a somewhat current understanding of the SIU system.

"To arbitrarily pull someone out of Chicago who has no connection whatsoever to SIUE is a bad idea," Poshard said.

A link to the full text of bill SB2406 can be found on Senator Haine's website at <http://www.senatorhaine.com>.

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everyone knows there's no reward for what we're doing other than the gratification that the store will still be here."

Terry-Gates said she never even considered how much work it would take to help save the store.

"Doing something like this for someone like Shawnta, to me, I didn't even think about the effort, to be honest with you," Terry-Gates said. "Deep down, I had this great faith that this would happen. That's what carried me through and motivated the effort."

Ray said it's hard for her to pin why so many people were willing to help the store.

"I think it's a perfect storm of a lot of things," Ray said. "The business has been around for 26 years, so we have a little bit of history. I know we're close with the families that support us from day to day."

Mindy Englar, a mother of three children, of Edwardsville, said she and her kids shop at Once Upon a Toy all the time.

"We can call and say, 'We need a birthday present. We're on our way; we're in a hurry,'" Englar said. "They always have it wrapped and ready to go for me."

Englar said she never imagined the campaign would be a success and said it makes her tear up to think about what the community did.

"All these people, whether they donated \$25 or whatever, they still made a difference," Englar said. "I just think it's a miracle. I can't imagine my kids not having this to come to."

Ellen Singh, the administrator of the Kindermusik program on campus, held a part-time job at

Once Upon a Toy 13 years ago and said she was at the store Friday to support the owners.

"I just wanted to come in and give a hug to the managers like I did last week, but it's a happy hug this time," Singh said.

Singh said the store is a landmark in Edwardsville.

"They're very sincere. [They] make me feel like a million bucks when I walk in," Singh said.

Wenzel said a unique store like this is a rarity these days.

"It's obvious that it meant a lot to people here," Wenzel said. "I think it'll really raise a lot of local awareness of what has been going on in our community."

Singh said the uniqueness of the store, where signs are hung inviting customers to touch and play with the products, is one of its best qualities.

"How many stores allow your children to experiment like this and hang out and just have a good time?" Singh said. "That's pretty much their philosophy behind how a toy store should be."

According to Ray, she and her husband are trying to prepare for whatever may come next.

"We're trying to prepare for Easter now. We have started to carry things that are more college focused," Ray said. "We're just trying to make it work with not enough resources."

Ray said she is trying to walk cautiously with the money that has been donated to them.

"We're saddled with the stress of not letting people down," Ray said. "That's a little bit frightening."

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Caroline Gates, 7, and her sister Betsy, 2, play with one of the train tables at Once Upon a Toy. Emily Terr-Gates, the girls' mother, initiated the campaign to save the toy store. | Photos by Michelle Beard/Alestle.

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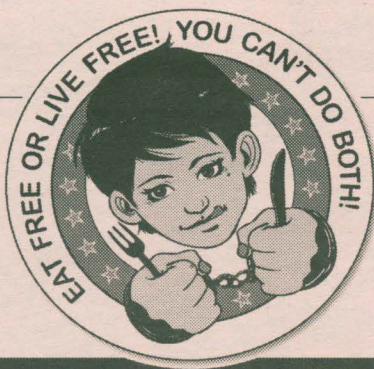
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SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

3-14-13

An officer issued Mark J. Hornberger a citation for no valid driver's license on South University Drive at P2 Road.

An officer responded to 419 Cougar Village regarding a 20-year-old male unconscious and breathing. The officer arrested Timothy Robinson for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor and transported him to the police department for processing. Robinson posted \$150 and was released.

3-15-13

An officer took a report regarding a duffle bag stolen from the Student Fitness Center.

An officer took a report of a two-vehicle hit-and-run accident in the Woodland Hall parking lot.

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An officer issued Corbin A. Sells a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive at P2 Road.

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An officer spoke with two females about some other females who have been threatening them at Woodland Hall. The officer spoke to all parties and proceeded to involve University Housing.

An officer responded to Pizza Hut in the Morris University Center regarding a fight. The officer was unable to locate the suspect.

An officer arrested Joi S. Jefferson for battery and transported her to the police department for processing. Jefferson was released with a notice to appear

and brought back to Prairie Hall.

3-18-13

An officer took a report of a two-vehicle hit-and-run accident in Woodland Hall Circle involving a white Chevrolet sedan hitting a silver car and driving off. The officer located the vehicle and issued Stephanie Thomas a citation for failure to leave information after an accident.

An officer took report regarding a purse stolen from Starbucks in the Morris University Center.

An officer took a report from a 911 caller about an ex-roommate entering 501 Cougar Village and throwing the caller's belongings around.

An officer took a report from a student of a sexual assault that occurred on March 16.

News *in brief*

Oduwole released from custody; still banned from campus, SIUE Police warn

The SIUE Police Department has alerted the university that Oduwole Oduwole, despite his being recently released from custody, is still banned from campus.

Oduwole is a former SIUE student whose conviction for attempting to make a terrorist threat was recently reversed by an Illinois appellate court.

Oduwole had been in prison since January 2012. He was also convicted of unauthorized possession of a weapon in a public building, which was not appealed.

Campus police arrested Oduwole on July 20, 2007. A persona non grata was issued on July 27, 2007, which remains in effect.

The SIUE Police Department asks that anyone who sees Oduwole on university property either call 911 or the non-emergency line at 650-3324.

Student Government preview for March 22

Student Government will consider fiscal year 2014 annual allocations for student organizations at its meeting at 2 p.m. Friday in the Goshen Lounge.

Out of 108 groups, 106 have requested the maximum of \$300. The Biology Club has asked for \$150 and the Men's Club Soccer team has asked for \$100.

SG will also hear a travel request from the National Community Pharmacists Association.

The group has requested \$600 to travel to the NCPA Annual Convention.

Three new student organizations will have their constitutions reviewed: League of Legends of SIUE, Focus the Nation of SIUE and the Table Tennis Club.

The Residence Hall Association will bring a revision to its constitution to SG.

An open forum will follow for anyone who wishes to address SG.

Student found dead in Cougar Village apartment, police still investigating

Junior psychology major Tifani Wilder, of Quincy, was found dead in her apartment in Cougar Village at 9:40 p.m., Thursday.

SIUE police received a call from the mother of Wilder's boyfriend, according to Lt. Kevin Schmoll.

"They were trying to get in touch with her, and she didn't answer her cell phone," Schmoll said.

Upon arriving at the apartment at 425 Cougar Village, officers found 24-year-old Wilder in her bed. Her 5-year-old son was in the apartment unharmed.

According to the Madison County Coroner's office news release, the boy informed officers that "his mommy would not wake up."

"We took her son into protective custody," Schmoll said. "We're working with CFS, Child Family Services, to put the boy into the proper care with a family member."

Schmoll said there was no sign of forced entry into the apartment and the death does not appear suspicious.

The autopsy, conducted Friday afternoon, did not provide a definitive cause of death. It will take several weeks for campus police to receive the toxicology report, according to Schmoll.

Campus police have spoken with family members and friends. Schmoll said they have not been able to contact Wilder's boyfriend, Shawn Davis, who is not a student at SIUE, at this time.

Police are still investigating the incident.

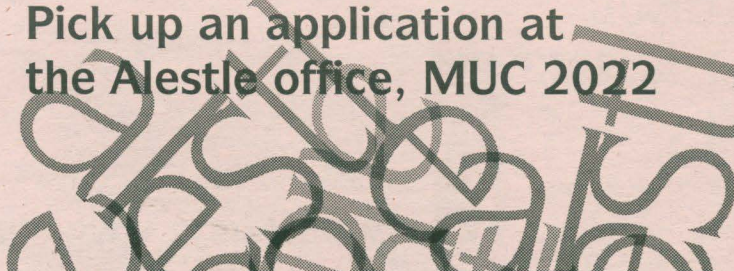
A memorial will be held at 5:30 p.m. on March 28 in Cougar Village.

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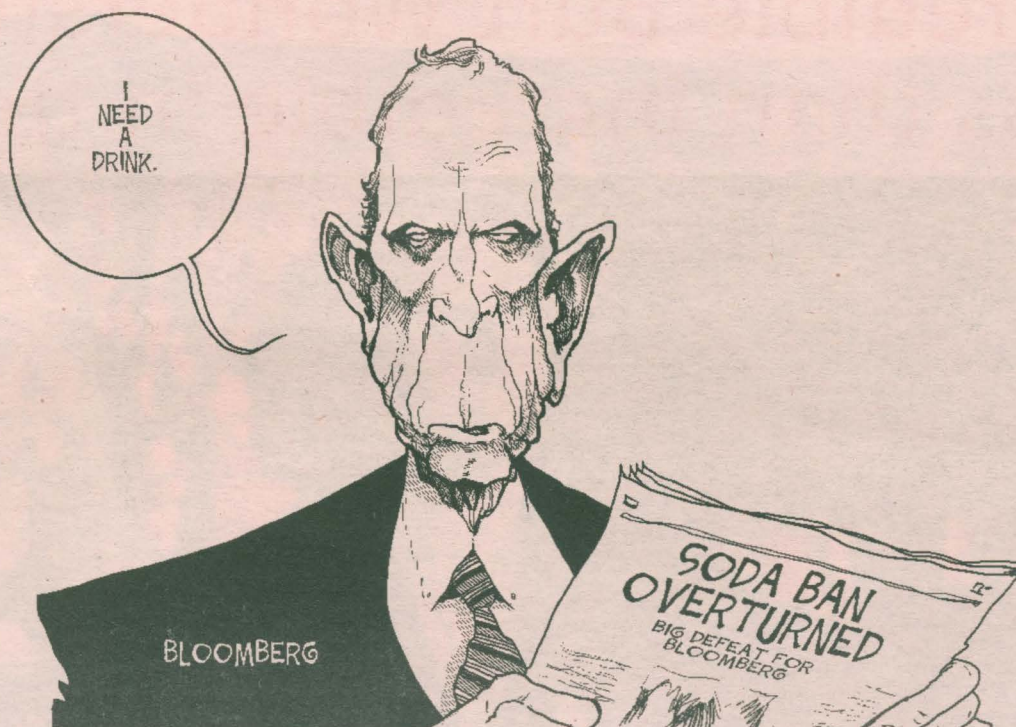
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Once Upon a Toy...

Edwardsville's own
damsel in distress
justifies generosity

Recent plot twist for
store foreshadows
unhappy ending

Edwardsville's Once Upon a Toy store was recently saved by the generosity of its customers and community.

According to an article by Fox News, Once Upon a Toy was thrown into turmoil on Feb. 22, when its loan was called in by the bank. The store was given until



Heather Ficek
Alestle Reporter

March 15 to pay the loan. The store had less than a month to come up with \$76,000.

Customers were told and the store began telling the community goodbye, but the community wouldn't accept it.

Within 24 hours of the store announcing its upcoming closure, a campaign started. The community began raising money to keep Once Upon a Toy open. Within one day, the community raised \$24,000. By the time the campaign closed, the tally was \$82,450.

Once Upon a Toy is the small purple building along Troy Road in front of Target that usually has clever sayings on its marquee, some of which have gotten me to stop at the store just to find out what the sign meant. The sayings are representative of the joy the store can bring to people of the community.

The store carries a variety of toys for children that a customer may find online but not in other

local stores. It is a benefit to have the store in the community and not have to wait the five to seven business days or even weeks it can take to ship them. The store carries toys that are almost exclusively designed to further a child's development.

These toys can pull children away from the video games and virtual reality toys. The store is good for a unique gift that can inspire children while allowing them to learn.

Once Upon a Toy has been given a second chance by a loving community, which is something that can inspire us all.

It is simply amazing that a community can rally around a store like it did and save it. According to the Belleville News-Democrat, the store has been in the Edwardsville community for 26 years and under the current management since 2006.

Other small businesses, such as Annie's Frozen Custard, Wang Gang and Papa Murphy's, began campaigns to donate portions of their proceeds for a day.

It is good to see people take the time to help someone in need rather than rushing past.

Perhaps, we can extend our generosity to others in need, such as people who are homeless and impoverished. Perhaps, the community can extend the generosity shown to Once Upon a Toy to other causes in the area.

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Once Upon a Toy was saved by the community when it looked like the store would be forced into closing its doors for good.

While the story about a community coming together to save a local business might be heartwarming to hear, it entirely disregards the fact



Evan Meyers
Alestle Reporter

that this business was failing for a reason.

There is no reason to believe that after the community raised more than \$80,000 to keep the store open, the store is now going to be successful. The money raised for the store may have been enough to keep the doors open, but I doubt any of that changes how many people come through those doors looking to buy toys. At the end of all of this, it will still be a toy store with limited selection that offers products you can find online at cheaper prices.

I am not saying it is a good thing when local businesses fail, but, if they are failing, it is probably because of something in their business plans. The store owners knew they were taking a chance when they started a business. Their business did not make enough money, and when a business does not make enough money to stay open, it closes down. At least, that is how I thought it worked.

Yet, for some reason, Once Upon a Toy gets a second chance. What did the store do to earn this donation? Is it really just because it has been a part of the community for so long?

Edwardsville should not set a standard in which tradition means more than being successful. If Once Upon a Toy was an important enough store to the community to warrant receiving \$80,000, then it would have done so by selling toys and not by receiving a handout.

Being around for a long time and putting a funny saying on the store

sign is not enough to overlook the fact that the place was not making enough money to stay open. There is no safety net in business, whether you have been around for one year or 100. If the business stops making money, then it does not stay open.

There are better uses for that money. There are several charities, such as Habitat for Humanity or Goodwill, that could have put the money to good use. SIUE's scholarship fund could surely benefit from an \$80,000 donation. Somehow, even with these options out there all the time, Edwardsville raised \$80,000 to keep a failing toy store in business.

Any time a community can come together, it can really influence a city, and the next time Edwardsville has a chance like this, I hope the community decides to make a positive impact.

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Do you think Once Upon a Toy's bailout was justified?
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'The Incredible Burt Wonderstone' proves to be less than incredible in theaters



Steve Carell, left, and Olivia Wilde star in "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone."

Photo by Ben Glass/Warner Bros. (MCT)

JOSH BOVINETTE
Alestle Reporter

The world of magic sounds like a fun backdrop for a comedy wrought with wizards, unicorns and a good impression of David Copperfield, but "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" offers only bad writing, bad casting and a lackluster impression of Siegfried and Roy.

Two aging magicians, Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi), have made millions entertaining the masses on the Las Vegas strip, but when a new-brand-of-edgy magician starts stealing their thunder, Wonderstone and Marvelton must decide how far they are willing to go.

Their nemesis comes in the form of street magician Steve Gray (Jim Carrey). Gray's act "Brain-rape" is an obvious play on the show Criss Angel Mindfreak.

Wonderstone and Marvelton have performed the same act for ten years, but their glitter-covered, tiger magic has become quite stale. Wonderstone is a shallow womanizer

who puts little effort into the show. Hapless sidekick Marvelton is far from a character worthy of Steve Buscemi.

This movie is not funny, and that is the biggest problem.

There are a few moments when Carrey shares the screen with Alan Arkin, who plays a legendary magician, and the movie generates a few memorable moments. Arkin, a master of deadpan comedy, provides the only believable character in the film.

Steve Carell is not believable as a womanizer, and Carrey's screen time is insufficient to save the movie.

With such a likable cast, it is hard not to root for the movie to entertain. Unfortunately, both the storyline and the jokes are so shallow and unoriginal that audience members will be left without much to take away from the experience except that they might have seen the film already when it was called "Blades of Glory."

Apparently, Olivia Wilde is in the film as Wonderstone's assistant Jane. Viewers will find it hard to remember her role, as it is probably the most forgettable in her career.

The only thing "The Incredible Burt Wonderstone" delivers is the concept of a movie about magic. Unfortunately, magic is what it lacks. With miscast stars playing poorly developed characters, an insert-joke-here script and a main character without any redeeming qualities, perhaps the title should be changed to "The Unbelievable Burt Wonderstone."

Directed by: Don Scardino
Cast: Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi, Olivia Wilde, Jim Carrey, James Gandolfini.
Release Date: March 15
Rating: PG-13
Run Time: 100 minutes
★☆☆☆☆

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Challenged accepted: 365 days of song

GABRIEL SIMPSON
Alestle Reporter

Since June 1, 2012, junior business major Jesse Hite, of Edwardsville, has been taking on a 365-day song challenge.

Hite was challenged to sing a different song every day for one year by a fan on YouTube after watching a song he posted.

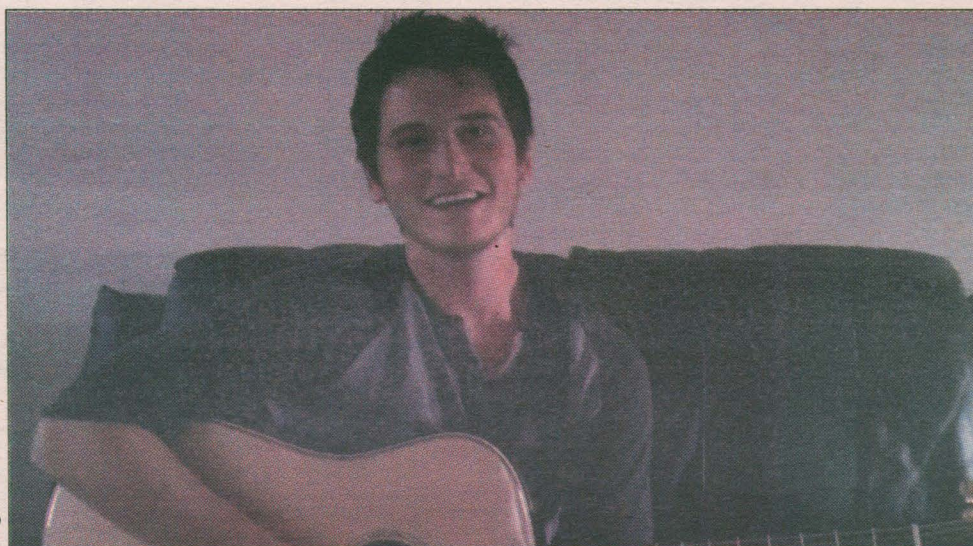
Hite said he was happy to take on the challenge.

"I just want to play the guitar for the rest of my life," Hite said. "The support from family, friends and the community as a whole has been tremendous."

Hite changes it up when it comes to what genre he plays.

"It started off as mainly classic rock, Lynyrd Skynyrd, BTO, that type of thing," Hite said. "Now, it is mostly everything when I go to bars and play. The closer you get to midnight, the younger the crowd gets, so I play more modern stuff."

Hite has been playing the guitar since he was 10 years old. Despite playing the guitar at an early age, he never learned to read sheet music. Hite said



Junior business major Jesse Hite, of Edwardsville, performs an acoustic cover of LMAFAO's Sexy and I Know It on his YouTube channel.

Photo via YouTube

he just listens to the song and can pick up the rhythm.

According to Hite, that does not make the challenge any easier.

"It has been a real challenge so far," Hite said. "I have to physically sit down and learn a song before I record it. The cool thing is it only takes about an hour

or two to learn and record a song."

Hite said the hardest thing he had to overcome during the challenge was keeping up with the songs even while sick.

"The most difficult days so far have been when I get a cold or flu," Hite said. "It has almost been to the point of

ending the challenge, but I pushed through those weeks and was able to continue posting songs."

Hite hopes to gain popularity from doing this challenge.

"I would ultimately like to get out of this challenge some recognition on YouTube, or possibly elsewhere in the media," Hite said. "The Ellen Show, Jimmy Kimmel Live, [Late Night] with Jimmy Fallon, [The Tonight Show with Jay] Leno, any of those would be awesome to be able to share my experience with more people."

The challenge has already started bringing some local attention to Hite's music.

"I play shows along with posting a song a day," Hite said. "I have had more than 300 song requests and counting. Many of my fans also come to my shows every chance they get."

Hite's songs can be found on his YouTube channel. He is currently 296 days into the challenge.

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Members of the Firefighters Local Union No. 73 march in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Photo by Brian Armea/Alestle

Parade brings Irish spirit to St. Louis for St. Patrick's Day 2013



St. Patrick's Day runners complete the last stretch of their run.

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Tessa Barra, a Maryville University senior interior design major from Washington, Ill., and Rachel Hutchens, of Jerseyville, play a game of bags while waiting for the St. Patrick's Day parade to begin.

Photo by Brian Armea/Alestle

Emotions run high in 'Suddenly Last Summer'

JOSH BOVINETTE
Alestle Reporter

Tennessee Williams' "Suddenly Last Summer" starts its second week of performances on March 22 at the Metcalf Theater. For those unfamiliar with the classic work, it is a chance for audiences to get acquainted with the unique voice of Williams in a very quaint environment.

The play, directed by Kathryn Bentley, tells the story of Catharine Holly's return home after the mysterious death of her cousin, Sebastian Venable. Catharine has been institutionalized for the trauma associated with her cousin's death.

In an attempt to suppress the details of her son's death, Violet Venable attempts to bribe the state hospital's staff into lobotomizing Catharine.

Senior theater performance major Ashley Bland, of Chicago, plays Violet Venable and believes this plays offers audiences everything you would want from a Tennessee Williams play.

"There is so much [at] stake in the play," Bland said. "Think of it like a Venus flytrap. Once the story gets going there is no way out."

According to Bland, it is a perfect play to put on in the Metcalf Theater.

"As performers in this play, we hold nothing back," Bland said. "We bare all and to see it in the intimate setting of the Metcalf really works."

Senior theater performance major, Domonique Armstrong, of Norfolk, Va., plays Catharine Holly and

said that playing a character thought to be insane allowed her a chance to explore some new territory artistically.

"This play involves sex and murder and, well, downright craziness," Armstrong said. "It's a chaotic world that is hard to figure out, so audiences will be challenged by it."

Teryl Thurman, a sophomore theater history, literature and criticism major from Belleville, plays Sister Felicity, Catharine's caretaker and confidant.

"[Suddenly Last Summer] is a great piece of literature," Thurman said. "You could never see it truly decipher it all."

According to Thurman, the play can be quite challenging emotionally for the performers.

"It's a lot of bare emotion," Thurman said. "It has been super challenging for us as actors to get in touch with everything going on."

Thurman said that the conceptual layers created by the great, Southern playwright make for a complex, but highly entertaining experience for the audience.

"What can I say? It's Tennessee Williams," Thurman said.

Remaining show times are 7:30 p.m. on March 22 and 23 with a matinee at 2 p.m. on March 24. Tickets are free for SIUE students.



Violet Venable, played by senior theater performance major Ashley Bland, demands Miss Foxhill, played by sophomore Nikki Harris, to take guests into the study in 'Suddenly Last Summer.'

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Senior catcher Samantha Stanicek lays down a bunt against Georgia Tech Tuesday at Cougar Field. The Cougars won both games against the Atlantic Coast Conference opponent. | Photo by Andrew Rathnow/Alestle

Softball sweeps Georgia Tech

GABRIEL SIMPSON
Alestle Reporter

The softball team took a break from Ohio Valley Conference play to take on the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in a doubleheader Tuesday at Cougar Field. The Cougars won both games.

In the first game, the Cougars (16-7, OVC 1-1) jumped out to an early lead when junior first baseman Kayla Riggs scored on sophomore rightfielder Brittany Toney's RBI single to center field in the second. The Yellow Jackets (13-15, Atlantic Coast Conference 2-1) answered in the fourth with a Hope Rush solo homer to center field.

The Cougars regained the lead in the fifth, when senior second baseman Taylor Tooley's RBI single drove home sophomore leftfielder Rebecca Gray. This proved to be the deciding run as the Cougars held on for the 2-1 win.

Freshman Haley Chambers improved her record to 8-2 on the season. Chambers surrendered four hits and struck out nine batters on

100 pitches.

According to Chambers, she is playing at a high level thanks to her coaches.

"Coming from high school to college is a big step. I am throwing a lot more," Chambers said. "[The coaches] help keep my composure and make sure my pitches are sharp all the time."

In the second game, neither team was able to muster any early offense, as the game was scoreless through four innings. The Cougars got on the board in the fifth inning when junior shortstop Chelsea Yankovich's RBI single up the middle drove home freshman centerfielder Jordan LaFave. That was the deciding run as they went on to win 1-0. Junior Erin Greenwalt earned the victory and improved to 5-3 on the season.

LaFave said the team wanted to reward Greenwalt's performance with a win.

"The last couple of games Erin pitched, she has shut down the batters," LaFave said. "I was happy that we came through for her as a

team. That last thing we wanted was for her to throw a one hitter and lose."

Chambers believes the sweep of an ACC opponent is a big step for SIUE, which recently completed its transition to Division I.

"We beat Georgia Tech in a doubleheader today," Chambers said. "That's huge for our program."

Head Coach Sandy Montgomery was encouraged by the wins against Georgia Tech.

"It feels real good," Montgomery said. "They are a good team, and they're a big name."

The Cougars' game against Wichita State, originally scheduled for Thursday at Cougar Field, has been canceled due to possible inclement weather.

SIUE travels to Eastern Kentucky University Friday and Morehead State University Saturday for a pair of doubleheaders.

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Junior first baseman Kayla Riggs takes a pitch against Georgia Tech Tuesday at Cougar Field. Riggs went 1 for 6 in the double header. | Photo by Andrew Rathnow/Alestle

Former soccer player considers putting away the cleats for good

ROGER STARKEY
Alestle Sports Editor

Being in the right place at the right time gave a former SIUE soccer standout one of the greatest opportunities of his playing career and now may nudge him out of the game he loves.

Struggling to find playing time for the New York Red Bulls, of the Major Indoor Soccer League, Jones traveled to London with the team to participate in the 2011 Emirates Cup. Jones did not play in the tournament, but a representative from FC Hjørring, a Danish first-division soccer team, saw him in training and was impressed.

The Red Bulls released Jones in November 2011. He signed with Hjørring in July 2012 and realized many an American soccer player's dream, playing in Europe.

"To be able to play in Europe is a great thing I never

guy that could track down anybody."

SIUE Men's Soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish called Jones a phenomenal athlete.

"Mike is probably the best athlete that I've coached at SIUE," Kalish said.

Although he was never given regular playing time with New York, Jones said his Red Bulls' teammate, soccer legend Thierry Henry, helped him overcome his nervousness.

"He reassured me and helped me realize this was real. It's not a dream. It's time to wake up," Jones said.

Jones took his regained confidence to Denmark, where he found the European style of soccer more compatible to his strengths.

"American soccer is all about physicality," Jones said. "There, it's all about skill and they care less about your physicality. It fits with my style of play."

The Danish press was not always welcoming to the new,



Former Cougars soccer player Mike Jones has played for Sporting Kansas City and the New York Red Bulls of the MLS and FC Hjørring of the Danish first-division. | Alestle file photo

expected," Jones said.

Jones had joined the Red Bulls when Sporting Kansas City, the team that drafted him 28th overall in the second round of the 2011 supplemental draft, released him after only five months. The adjustment of watching the professional players on television to suddenly being their teammate was not handled well, Jones said.

"I didn't spend much time learning. I spent most of the time being nervous," Jones said. "I went from being a senior and the 'go-to' guy, to feeling like I was a freshman in high school."

The Cougars' senior midfielder Brian Groark played with Jones at SIUE and called him a shutdown defender.

"It was always nice playing with Mike behind you," Groark said. "He was a real athletic, fast

and only, American on the Hjørring roster. The reporters wanted a story every day and would create facts if the existing ones were not interesting enough, Jones said.

Fortunately for Jones, the fabricated stories about him were in Danish, so he couldn't read them. Regardless, his idol, Henry, had long ago taught him to ignore false media reports.

"Thierry taught me to not pay attention to the papers or the blogs," Jones said. "You and your friends and family know what is true, and that is what you have to worry about."

Despite the better fit for his style of play, Jones could not find regular playing time for Hjørring. He left the team when it began its winter break.

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Back in the States, Jones may once again have found himself in the right place at the right time. At only 24 years old, he is considering retiring from professional soccer.

A Dallas company wants Jones to be the head of personal training. That may not sound like a great enticement to lure someone into retirement from professional sports, but Jones is considering his future.

"Because of the major I had in school, I can't retire when I'm 30," Jones said. "The job won't be there when I'm done."

Jones actually had a double major — sports medicine and sports management — as well as a minor in health education. Opening his own training facility is his goal, Jones said.

"It's a window of opportunity. I don't want to be left behind," Jones said. "A lot of people have gotten their master's degree. I have not been able to focus on both soccer and school, which is something that has bothered me."

Jones called the decision one of the most difficult he has ever made.

"You have to be honest with yourself," Jones said. "I have people that ask why I don't just play, play, play. [They say] the job will always be there. But for me, it won't just be there."

Three U.S. based teams have recently expressed interest in signing Jones. So, although he said he feels as though he has accomplished everything he thought he would in soccer, Jones' days on the pitch may not be over.

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Cougars strand 14, get shut out in unexpected home game

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The baseball team had a surprise home game Tuesday afternoon, and, given its 4-1 home record before the game, the result was surprising as well.

The game was originally scheduled to be played in Normal, but was moved to Edwardsville because of renovations being done to Illinois State's field.

The Cougars (5-11 overall, 3-3 Ohio Valley Conference) lost to Illinois State (10-9 overall, 0-0 Missouri Valley Conference) 5-0.

Freshman Caleb Wilkerson (0-2) got his first start of the year. He pitched 3 1-3 innings, allowing one run on three hits.

Head Coach Tony Stoecklin said he limited Wilkerson to a short outing.

"I didn't want to extend his pitch count," Stoecklin said. "He threw on Saturday and threw 60 pitches."

Despite the short outing, Wilkerson received the loss, as the SIUE offense did not score any runs in support of him.

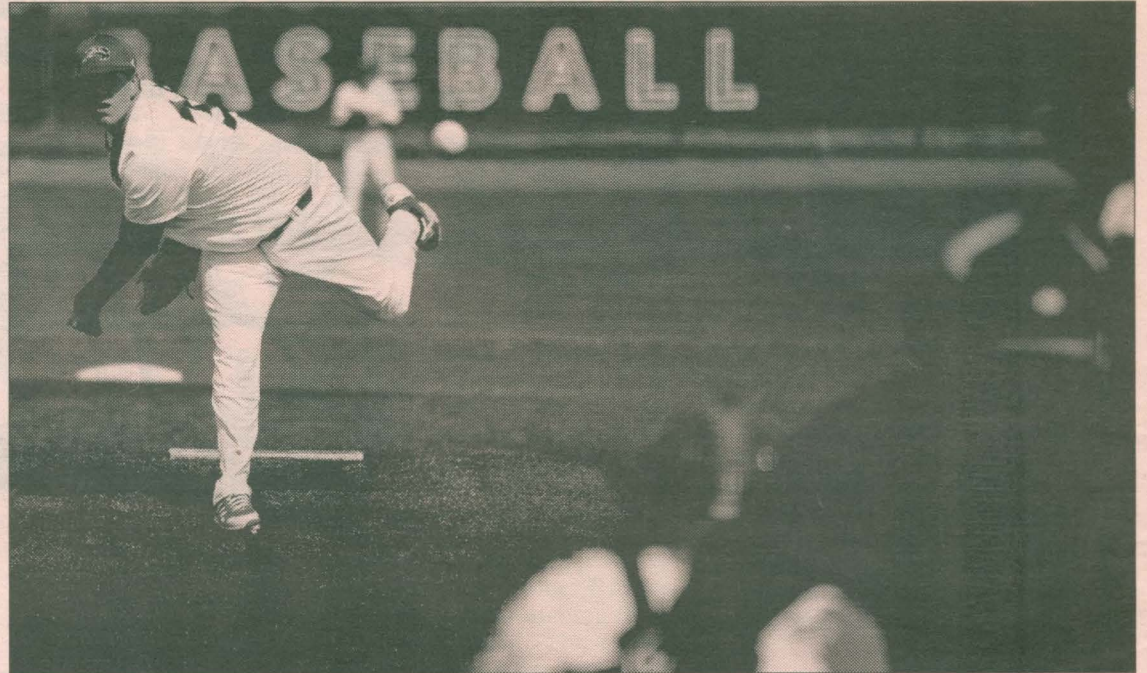
While the Cougars had just three hits total against the Redbirds, the batters drew eight walks and left 14 runners on base.

Stoecklin said the ISU pitchers were not the reason for the offense's troubles.

"It was just a lack of clutch hitting," Stoecklin said. "It was our guys not stepping up and delivering a big hit when we needed it."

Freshman second baseman Ryan Mansfield had two of SIUE's hits, going 2 for 5. Senior first baseman Joel Greatting was 1 for 3.

ISU's Brock Stewart led the Redbirds' offense, going 2 for 5



Senior Drew Staples pitches against Illinois State Tuesday at Simmons Baseball Complex. Staples pitched 2 1-3 innings of relief, surrendering two runs, one earned. | Photo by Brian Armea/Alestle

with two RBIs and a run scored.

However, just when it looked like everything was going ISU's way, Stewart was injured on what appeared to be a routine play.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Mansfield hit a grounder up the middle of the field. Stewart dove to his right and stopped the ball from entering the outfield.

He stayed on the ground for about 20-25 minutes after, as he dislocated his left shoulder and athletic trainers decided to call an ambulance.

The winning pitcher, ISU's J.D. Learnard (1-1), threw five innings and allowed one hit. He struck five batters out but walked five as well.

Steve Heilenbach and Will Headean finished the game for the Redbirds, combining to

allow two hits, three walks and striking out four batters.

Headean received his first save of the year. He entered the game with two outs and the bases loaded in the eighth inning.

Stewart struck out looking to end the inning, one of ISU's nine strikeouts in the game.

Senior pitchers Drew Staples, Brooks McDowell and Tony Schaeffer as well as freshman Zach Malach pitched after Wilkerson left the game.

"They all threw well," Stoecklin said. "I thought Brooks threw exceptionally well today. That's probably the best I've seen him look all year."

McDowell pitched 2 1-3 innings, allowing one run on two hits. He struck out six batters.

Staples gave up one of

ISU's two home runs on the day soon after entering the game, but settled in to also throw 2 1-3 innings. He allowed two runs on three hits.

Malach threw one-third of an inning, allowing a run on one hit. Schaeffer pitched the final two-thirds of an inning, allowing one hit and striking out one batter.

SIUE's next game is at 4 p.m. Friday at Simmons Baseball Complex. Murray State will be in Edwardsville for a three-game weekend series.

Friday's game was originally scheduled for 6 p.m., but has been moved up due to possible inclement weather.

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March

Thur 21	Fri 22	Sat 23	Sun 24	Mon 25	Tue 26	Wed 27
Women's Tennis vs. Eastern Illinois 2 p.m.	Softball at Eastern Kentucky 1 p.m.	Men's and Women's Track & Field Cougar Classic Triangular Invite @ Korte Stadium All Day	Women's Golf at SIUC Saluki Invitational All Day	Women's Golf at SIUC Saluki Invitational All Day		Women's Tennis vs. SIUC Carbondale 2 p.m.
Men's Tennis vs. Eastern Illinois 2 p.m.	Softball at Eastern Kentucky 3 p.m.		Women's Tennis vs. Murray State 11 a.m.			Men's Tennis vs. SIUC Carbondale 2 p.m.
Softball vs. Wichita State Canceled	Baseball vs. Murray State 4 p.m.	Women's Tennis vs. Austin Peay 11 a.m.	Baseball vs. Murray State 1 p.m.			Baseball vs. Bradley 6 p.m.
		Softball at Morehead State 12 p.m.	Men's Tennis vs. Murray State 2 p.m.			
		Baseball vs. Murray State 1 p.m.				
		Softball at Morehead State 2 p.m.				
		Men's Tennis vs. Austin Peay 2 p.m.				



Baseball

Softball

East	West
Austin Peay 17-3 (2-0)	E. Kentucky 16-9 (3-0)
Tenn. Tech 14-6 (5-1)	Jax State 16-11 (3-0)
Jax State 11-11 (5-1)	Morehead St. 9-6 (0-0)
Murray State 10-11 (4-2)	Tenn. Tech 11-9 (0-0)
Belmont 14-6 (2-1)	Belmont 7-12 (0-3)
SE Missouri 11-11 (3-3)	Tenn. State 9-18 (0-3)
SIUE 5-11 (3-3)	West
Morehead St. 7-13 (2-4)	E. Illinois 13-8 (3-0)
E. Kentucky 5-11 (2-4)	SIUE 16-7 (1-1)
UT Martin 7-13 (1-5)	UT Martin 16-8 (1-1)
E. Illinois 4-14 (0-5)	SE Missouri 8-12 (1-1)
	Murray State 7-13 (1-1)
	Austin Peay 8-10 (0-3)

March 15 Results

Austin Peay 11, E. Illinois 3
UT Martin 4, Murray State 5
N. Illinois 3, Belmont 4
E. Kentucky 6, SE Missouri 8
Morehead St. 4, Tenn. Tech 11
SIUE 1, Jax St. 2

March 16 Results

UT Martin 13, Murray St. 15
UT Martin 7, Murray St. 11
E. Kentucky 3, SE Missouri 5
E. Kentucky 7, SE Missouri 1
Austin Peay 5, E. Illinois 2
SIUE 0, Jax St. 11
Bradley 4, Belmont 3
Morehead St. 5, Tenn. Tech 11

March 17 Results

N. Illinois 8, Belmont 2
Morehead St. 2, Tenn Tech 5
SIUE 6, Jax St. 7

March 19 Results

Illinois State 5, SIUE 0
Austin Peay 1, Indiana State 8
Tenn. Tech 8, Alabam A&M 6
SIUC 7, E. Illinois 11
SE Missouri 6, Saint Louis 7
Middle Tenn. 1, Belmont 3
Morehead St. 5, Clemson 10
Murray St. 3, Evansville 5
Memphis 18, UT Martin 4
Troy 13, Jax St. 5

March 14 Results

E. Kentucky 1, Middle Tenn. St. 2
E. Kentucky 5, Middle Tenn. St. 1
Detroit 7, Morehead St. 4
Detroit 1, Morehead St. 5
Tenn. St. 4, Florida A&M 2

March 16 Results

SE Missouri 9, Murray St. 3
E. Kentucky 7, Belmont 4
E. Illinois 6, Austin Peay 2
UT Martin 6, SIUE 8
Tenn St. 0, Jax State 8
SE Missouri 1, Murray St. 8
E. Illinois 7, Austin Peay 1
E. Kentucky 2, Belmont 0
Tenn. St. 1, Jax St. 5
UT Martin 7, SIUE 4

March 17 Results

E. Kentucky 12, Belmont 7
E. Illinois 6, Austin Peay 0
Tenn. St. 0, Jax St. 5

March 19 Results

Ohio 3, E. Kentucky 10
Ohio 0, E. Kentucky 7
Georgia Tech 1, SIUE 2
Georgia Tech 0, SIUE 1
Jax St. 3, Georgia St. 11
Murray St. 0, Tennessee 7

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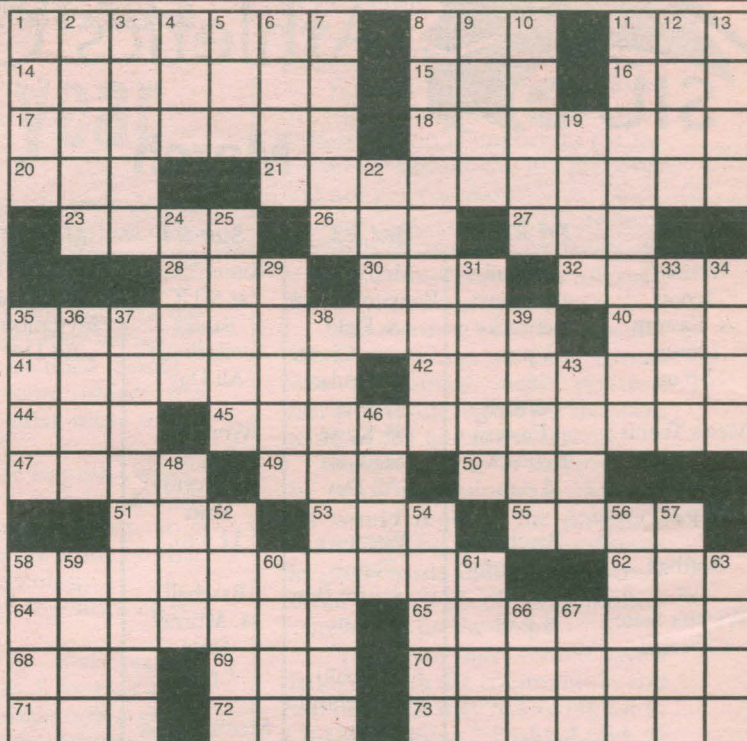
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ACROSS

- 1 Gun barrel cleaners
- 8 Be audibly sad
- 11 Poetic planet
- 14 Steel foundry input
- 15 Grounded flier since 2001
- 16 British lav
- 17 *Wanted poster picture, usually
- 18 Traces of gunpowder, e.g.
- 20 Big bird
- 21 *Well-positioned driver at Indy
- 23 Crib part
- 26 Volleyball divider
- 27 Biol. or geol.
- 28 Five-term sen., say
- 30 Coolers in windows, briefly
- 32 Med. care providers
- 35 *Sailboat built for speed
- 40 Before, in poems
- 41 Uriah was one
- 42 Female political refugee
- 44 Cycle starter
- 45 *Board meeting VIP
- 47 Rowdy bunch
- 49 Trains above the road
- 50 Fr. holy woman
- 51 Jug handle
- 53 Addams family cousin
- 55 Indian tourist destination
- 58 With 65-Across, a cappella group, and what the starts of the answers to starred clues comprise
- 62 Hosp. areas
- 64 Behind the eightball
- 65 See 58-Across
- 68 Chocolate shape
- 69 Kimono closer
- 70 Set free
- 71 Barnyard enclosure
- 72 1/60 of a min.
- 73 Tweezer target

DOWN

- 1 "The ___ of the Ancient Mariner"
- 2 South African lilies
- 3 Powerful person
- 4 BP takers, often
- 5 "Look at that!"
- 6 Let fall
- 7 Determined to have
- 8 Emergency gear
- 9 Has obligations



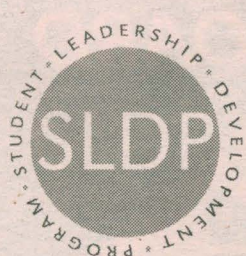
By Gareth Bain

- 10 On a need-to-know
- 11 Whippersnappers' opposites
- 12 Lecherous sort
- 13 Dutch South African
- 19 Calamine target
- 22 Pastoral places
- 24 Meeting with an atty.
- 25 Something to talk about
- 29 River in Hades
- 31 Dimwits
- 33 Popular dunker
- 34 Caught in the act
- 35 Train engine sound
- 36 Filmmaker Wertmüller
- 37 Planned travel route
- 38 Down-to-earth
- 39 Michelangelo statue
- 43 Golfer Norman
- 46 Connecting strip of land: Abbr.
- 48 Yaks and yaks
- 52 Bank takebacks, for short
- 54 Chef's headgear
- 56 Chopper blade

Last week's puzzle solved

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- 57 "Am not!" rejoinder
- 58 Tops of overalls
- 59 Vet sch. course
- 60 Kimono cousin
- 61 Unimposing
- 63 Crock-Pot dinner
- 66 Brewpub brew
- 67 Burtle



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